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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: ADDITIONAL CONTINGENTS FOR
UNIFIL

REF: PARIS 11595

1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL REPORTING FRENCH REQUEST
THAT US SUPPORT UN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN TROOP CONTRIBU-
TIONS FOR UNIFIL FROM CANADA, MEXICO AND NIGERIA, AMB
LEONARD HAD ALREADY SPOKEN TO NIGERIAN PERMREP HARRIMAN
ON THIS SUBJECT. HARRIMAN NOTED APRIL 7 THAT UN FORMAL
REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED ONLY PREVIOUS DAY AND FOR-
WARDED TO LAGOS. IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK
PLACE WITH US DURING PRESIDENT'S LAGOS VISIT, WE
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ANTICIPATE POSITIVE NIGERIAN RESPONSE.

2. AS WILL BE NOTED FROM USUN 1278, CANADIAN DECISION ON
FURNISHING COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO UNIFIL WAS MADE AT
PM LEVEL AND IS DICTATED BY NON-AVAILABILITY OF SUCH
PERSONNEL. CANADIAN PERMREP BARTON TOLD AMB LEONARD
APRIL 7, HOWEVER, THAT HE NOW ANTICIPATES A UN REQUEST

FOR A CANADIAN BATTALION. SHOULD UN IN FACT MAKE SUCH A REQUEST, WE ASSUME DEPT WOULD BE PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE A SUPPORTING APPROACH TO THE GOC AS NECESSARY. (IN APRIL 6 CONVERSATION WITH BARTON REPORTED USUN 1278 HE HALF-JOKINGLY SAID IF UN WOULD ASK FOR INFANTRY INSTEAD OF SIGNALMEN CANADA WOULD BE ABLE TO OBLIGE.)

3. IN LIGHT OF MEXICO CITY 5642 (NOT SENT PARIS) REPORTING BACKGROUND OF GOM DECISION NOT TO SEND CONTINGENT FOR UNIFIL, THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE LITTLE POINT IN US APPROACH TO MEXICO. IT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ANY LATIN AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. UN AND US WOULD BE HAPPY IF AN LA TROOP CONTRIBUTION WERE MADE TO UNIFIL, AS IT WOULD IMPROVE GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE. WE ARE SURE UN WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS DEPT OR FRENCH COULD MAKE ON LA COUNTRY THAT MIGHT WITH PROFIT BE APPROACHED AND ARGUMENTS THAT MIGHT BE PERSUASIVE WITH LAS. LEONARD

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